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In re Application of: :

Dov Malonek et al : Group Art Unit: 3762

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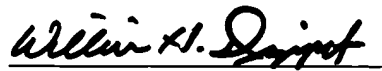
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In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, namely, Claims 1 to 49, for prosecution herein. Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction requirement is inappropriate and should be withdrawn, particularly since the searches for the respective groups will necessarily be co-extensive and searching all the groups will not be burdensome to the Examiner.

Also, Applicants elect embodiment 2 (epicardial tissue), with traverse, for the same reasoning as above. Claims 1 to 32, 34 to 45, and 49 are believed readable thereon.

Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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